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The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application:

LISTING of CLAIMS

1. (original) A method for enhancing user satisfaction with an automated interactive computer system comprising the steps of:
 - interactively ascertaining user language usage preferences;
 - creating a user profile in response to said ascertaining step;
 - applying said user profile to modify information from said computer system; and
 - presenting information so modified to said user.
2. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein:
 - said interactive computer system comprises a Web browser and at least a Web site; and
 - said ascertaining step includes presenting text passages in different styles and prompting said user to choose a text passage indicative of user preferred language usage.
3. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein:
 - said interactive computer system is a telephonic response system including voice recognition and generation functions; and
 - said ascertaining step additionally includes iteratively querying said user to determine preferred voice qualities.
4. (original) Apparatus for improving user satisfaction with an automated computer system comprising:
 - means for prompting a user to indicate language usage pattern preferences;
 - means for analyzing user indicated preferences;
 - means for creating a user profile;
 - means for storing results of said analyzing step in said user profile; and

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means for modifying subsequent presentations to said user to reflect said stored user indicated language usage pattern preferences.

5. (original) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein:

said automated computer system comprises a Web browser with access to at least a Web site.

6. (original) The apparatus of claim 5 wherein said prompting means includes:

means for presenting to said user a plurality of passages, each utilizing a different personal pronoun.

7. (original) The apparatus of claim 6 wherein:

said means for storing includes means for saving user pronoun choice; and

said means for modifying includes means for assuring subject and verb agreement.

8. (original) The apparatus of claim 4 wherein:

said automated computer system comprises an automated telephonic response system including means for voice recognition and generation.

9. (original) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein said means for prompting comprises:

means for iteratively querying said user to answer predefined questions; and

means for ascertaining user preferences for generated voice qualities.

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10. (previously presented) A computer readable medium encoded with a program capable of being executed by a computer for improving user satisfaction with computer driven automated interactive systems, comprising:

- means for prompting a user to indicate language usage pattern preferences;
- means for analyzing user indicated preferences;
- means, responsive to said means for analyzing, for creating a user profile;
- means for storing results of said analyzing step in said user profile; and
- means for modifying subsequent presentations to said user to reflect said stored user indicated language usage pattern preferences.

11. (previously presented) The computer program of claim 10 wherein:
said automated computer system comprises an automated telephonic response system including means for voice recognition and generation.

12. (previously presented) The computer program of claim 11 wherein said means for prompting comprises:

- means for iteratively querying said user to answer predefined questions; and
- means for ascertaining user preferences for generated voice qualities.

13. (previously presented) The computer program of claim 10 wherein:
said automated computer system comprises a Web browser with access to at least a Web site.

14. (previously presented) The computer program of claim 11 wherein said prompting means includes:

- means for presenting to said user a plurality of passages, each utilizing a different personal pronoun combination.

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15. (previously presented) The computer program of claim 14 wherein:
said means for storing includes means for saving user pronoun combination
choice; and
said means for modifying includes means for assuring subject and verb
agreement.

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